

# CALKINS SEEKS FOREST FIRE FIGHTING PACT WITH MEXICO

TUCSON, April 19.—Forest ranger of the United States forestry service will fight forest fires in Mexico, if an agreement sought by Hugh G. Calkins, supervisor stationed here, is secured with the Mexican government.

Mr. Calkins has just returned from the Huachuca forest district on the international border, where he found a serious problem presented by the danger of forest fires originating in Mexico and spreading northward into the forests of the Huachuca range. Since no protection system is maintained by the Mexican government, fires which start there remain unchecked and by the time they have reached the boundary they are practically beyond control.

The agreement sought by Mr. Calkins will permit United States forest rangers to work in the forests along the Mexican side of the boundary, and fight fires which may arise there. Forestry officials feel that money thus spent would be more than repaid by the increased protection given the forests on this side of the boundary.

The fire menace from the Mexican side of the line has been a problem to forestry officials for many years, and it has never before been possible to arrange for the entry of forest rangers onto Mexican soil, owing to passport restrictions. With the removal of these restrictions recently, however, it is expected that the Mexican government will readily accede to the request since it will give them free protection for a considerable portion of the northern forest area.

While in the Huachuca district, Mr. Calkins assisted in outlining the route of a trail, twelve miles long, following the crest of the Huachuca range. The route of the main trail will be changed somewhat, as the old trail has been grown over to a large extent with shrubbery and brush. The branch trails leading into the main trail will also be cleared out.

Work on this trail will be begun shortly, to be completed by the middle of the summer. The work will be under the direction of Robert Thompson, district ranger, with a small crew of men under him who will also assist in fire-fighting during the summer months.

Range conditions in the Huachuca district are good, Mr. Calkins reports, the cattle grazing now as high up as 8,500 feet on the western slope of the mountains.

The eastern slope is now heavily covered with loco weed, but it is not known that any considerable damage to cattle has resulted as yet.

In response to information furnished by Mr. Calkins, Lewis E. Weston, an expert in the plant industry bureau at Washington, will arrive here today, and tomorrow will undertake the problem of combatting the loco weed and other plants in the Huachuca district.

# ARIZONA RAILWAY IS DENIED PERMISSION TO DISMANTLE ROAD

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 18.—The Arizona & Swansea Railroad Company whose line is 21 miles long and whose equipment consists of rails, road bed and one locomotive, today was denied permission by the Arizona corporation commission to dismantle its road.

The road was built to serve the Clara Consolidated Gold & Copper Mining company and extends from its mine at Swansea to Bouse, where it connects with the California branch of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

The commission, in its order, asserted the expense of tearing up the road would be far in excess of the junk value of the material. It added that there is a better outlook for business and it would serve the best interests of all concerned if the road is kept.

# STATE I. O. O. F. CONVENTION UNDER WAY IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX, April 19.—The Grand Lodge of Arizona, I. O. O. F., is now in 39th annual communication in Phoenix. More than 200 members, representing all the lodges of Odd Fellows in the state, were present at the opening day of the meeting. The communication will close with a grand ball this evening.

# TITCOMB MAKES INSPECTION OF LINE IN MEXICO

DOUGLAS, April 20.—Inspection of the Southern Pacific Railroad company's property in Nacozari will be made by H. B. Titcomb, president of the Arizona Eastern and Southern Pacific de Mexico, who, with his chief engineer, Charles K. Bowen, Rodriquez Gutierrez, Mexican civil engineer and Johnny George, former Douglas man, left yesterday noon for Nacozari. The party arrived in President Titcomb's private car from Nogales Tuesday night. Yesterday they were guests of E. W. Graves, cashier of the First National bank, at a luncheon at the social club, and during the day were in consultation with Col. B. A. Packard, who was the company's purchasing agent when the plans for building the railroad north from Corales to connect with the Arizona Eastern lines in Arizona were first considered.

The Southern Pacific company is the owner of considerable property in Nacozari, including a warehouse and site for car repair shops. For 22 miles south of the city a grade was made for the proposed railroad, which has never been inspected by President Titcomb, as this is his first visit to Nacozari.

The party expects to return to this city Friday and will continue to El Paso.

# FOUR GIRLS CHARGE NOGALES MAN FORCED ENTRANCE TO ROOMS

NOGALES, Ariz., April 18.—Woody Rountree, a cotton grower and rancher of the Altar district of Mexico, who spends much of his time in Nogales, was arrested today on complaint of Misses Kitty Chapman, Peggy Nau, Eva Hankin and Gertrude Fehlman, all of Los Angeles, who declared that Rountree forced his way into a room they occupied and used abusive language. The young women, representatives of a Chicago periodical concern, said they are leaving tomorrow for Douglas and Bisbee but will return to Nogales to prosecute Rountree next Tuesday. He is at liberty on bail of \$2,000.

# MEXICAN GIRL IS DROWNED IN FALL INTO MESA CANAL

MESA, April 17.—Theresa de Navarra, five-year-old Mexican girl, was drowned in the Tempe canal a mile north of Mesa, Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when she strayed from the home near the canal bank and presumably slipped on a wet board and fell into the deep water. The body was recovered about 30 minutes later, nearly a mile down stream at the power house where a man chanced to see it just in time to save the little body from being dashed to pieces down the steep spillway where the overflow water from the power house goes.

# HUERTA EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Ariz., Apr. 19.—Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican minister of finance, is expected to pass through here this week enroute from Hermosillo to Mexico City. He has been in Hermosillo several weeks filling the post of governor of Sonora, but an acting governor to succeed him is expected to be appointed within a few days after which the secretary of the treasury will obtain another leave of absence to enable him to resume his duties as a member of the Oregon cabinet.

# 100 PUPILS TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL IN NORTH

TUCSON, April 19.—One hundred vocational training students will attend the summer session of the state university this summer at Flagstaff, according to C. E. C. Burnett, manager of the Veterans' bureau, who left for Flagstaff last night to make arrangements for the accommodation of the veterans.

# PEARCE DOWNS DRAGON

NINE IN CLOSE GAME DRAGON, Ariz., April 19.—In a well played game Pearce defeated Dragon here Easter Sunday by a 4 to 4 score.

# HE SAID HE WOULD AND HE HAS.



Prince Mohammed Ali Ibrahim, millionaire nephew of the Khedive of Egypt, who among other things came to the United States to meet American screen stars, whose work and beauty have won his unbounded admiration, is seen here kissing the hand of the first to receive that honor, Constance Talmadge is the lucky one. The Prince has come to Los Angeles to learn the film industry and to meet theatrical stars. Upon his arrival in the United States the first thing he said pertained to the picture stars whose acquaintances he wanted to make. It certainly looks as though he's started.

# 30 GALLONS OF TISWIN RESULT IN REDS' FIGHT

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Apr. 19.—Thirty gallons, six 5-gallon cans of tiswin, much like buttermilk in all but its kick, were at the bottom of the free-for-all fight at the Indian camp near Kirkland Sunday, and were the contributing cause of the county receiving three new visitors today, three of whom have reserved their rooms in the county jail for the next 50 days, being unable to pay the fine of \$50 as an alternative.

# PRIES DOOR OPEN, THEN LOOTS ROOM

BISBEE, April 20.—A burglar or burglars entered the room of Mr. and Mrs. H. Snodgrass, in the Van Horn house, some time during Tuesday night and escaped with several articles of clothing. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Snodgrass were awakened by the intruder, and the loss of the clothing was not discovered until Mrs. Snodgrass awakened early yesterday morning. Entrance to the room had been gained by prying up the hook on a screen door. It is believed that the crime was committed by some person or persons familiar with the Van Horn house.

# DEATH CLAIMS VETERAN SERGEANT OF THE ARMY

DOUGLAS, April 20.—Master Sergeant Willard L. McClinton, who served as a major in the quartermaster corps during the war, died at the camp hospital yesterday morning following a brief illness. Had he lived until May he would have been in the service for 30 years. He is survived by his widow, who resides at 1612 Fourth street.

Decedent was a member of several Masonic bodies and this order probably will be in charge of part of the funeral services. It is planned to hold a military funeral, but the Masons are expected to have charge of the church services.

# MEXICAN GROWERS SHIP TRAINS OF TOMATOES

NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 20.—Customs officials and railroad men had a busy day yesterday, crossing a train of tomatoes and cantaloupes from Sonora to the United States through this port. Early yesterday morning the train containing 31 cars of tomatoes and four cars of cantaloupes, arrived at the border and was sent north after dark to the markets of California and the east.

Fast time was made by the railroad yard employers and custom men in inspecting and icing the cars, which were shipped at points in Sinaloa and Tepic.

# KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

NOGALES, Ariz., April 19.—Leon

Garcia, a well known resident of Nogales, was killed in an airplane accident in Mexico City, according to word received here today. He and August Lagner, a professional pilot, were burned to death when an airplane in which they were circling over the capital struck a building, burst into flames and fell. The funeral was held today in Mexico City.

# LIVESTOCK AND RANGES

PHOENIX, April 20.—Unfavorable weather conditions during the week have affected range and stock adversely throughout the district, according to telegraphic reports to the weather bureau. High winds and cold nights have hindered the development of pasture and have contributed to the discomfort of animals.

Moisture is greatly needed in the northeastern section where grass is just starting. Sheep are generally in excellent condition and lambs making fine progress; the lamb crop will average nearly 50 per cent.

# Crop Progress in Arizona

Although the month has been unusually cold and some abnormally low temperatures have been recorded the stage of growth of the cotton crop has been such that not more than a normal amount of damage has resulted. The effects of the frost have been freakish in that plants in some spots have been greatly damaged while others under apparently similar conditions have not been touched. As might be expected so early in the season some replanting will be necessary. Nearly all forms of vegetation have developed slowly and tomatoes, melons and other truck except where carefully protected have suffered from the effects of frost. On the other hand grain is filling nicely and the weather seems to have been favorable to apricots which generally are setting heavily. In the Nogales section a large portion of the fruit crop was damaged and fruit in the northern counties is reported to have suffered considerably. One hundred per cent sunshine has prevailed over the southern half of the state during the last 7 days serving somewhat to overcome the effects of the cold mornings. In the Yuma district crops have done well in spite of the low temperatures and it is reported that the 1,500,000 grape cuttings recently planted in that portion of the state are doing well.

# DEPUTY McNAIR TO GET CHIEF DEPUTY POST, HE REVEALS

TUCSON, April 20.—Rumors to the effect that after a few weeks' service he will become chief deputy to United States Marshal Thomas J. Sparks in the Phoenix office, were substantiated here yesterday morning by Deputy Marshal W. P. McNair, who recently succeeded James H. Treahy.

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# BENNEHAM CAMERON BANKHEAD CHIEF IS ON WAY TO PHOENIX

PHOENIX, April 19.—Benneham Cameron, president of the Bankhead National Highway association, accompanied by many delegates from Virginia and North Carolina now is on the way to Phoenix for the joint convention of that organization and the United States Good Roads association, according to word received here today. The convention opens at the state fair grounds on the morning of April 25.

S. J. Ross, president of the Arizona Automobile club, has appointed 300 members to represent that organization at the convention. Arrangements have been completed for a motor trip for delegates from Phoenix to Miami and from Miami to Nogales.

# MEXICAN LAD WANTS TO BE SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL

DOUGLAS, April 20.—Mrs. G. H. Hirst, deputy county probation officer, has received numerous appeals from juveniles requesting her to keep them out of the reform school, but Pancho Arviso, 13 years old, is the first lad to beg admittance into the house of correction. Mrs. Hirst will investigate his case. It is said that Arviso is living with a stepfather at Naco and desires to get into the reform school because he is mistreated.

# BENSHIMOL HEAD OF ODD FELLOWS

PHOENIX, April 20.—Officers were elected Tuesday at the annual sessions here of the grand lodge I. O. O. F. of Arizona, and the Rebekah assembly. David Benshimol, Douglas attorney, was chosen as grand master of the lodge, succeeding George Reitzer, Clifton, who was named grand representative of Arizona jurisdiction to the sovereign grand lodge.

# GOVERNOR STILL HAS FIVE BILLS HE HAS NOT YET SIGNED

PHOENIX, April 20.—Five measures passed by the special session are now in the hands of the governor awaiting his approval or veto. The governor has ten days from the closing day of the session in which to take action. If at the end of that period he fails to veto a bill or give it his approval, such a measure becomes a law automatically. The bills on the governor's desk are:

The general appropriation bill, providing for the payment of the expenses of administration for the next fiscal year.

The tax anticipation bond bill, permitting the state to borrow funds up to 75 per cent of the delinquent taxes.

Senate bill 52, pertaining to paying adjacent school property.

House bill 79, correcting an error in substitute house bill 42, relating to county highway commissions.

House bill 81, repealing a concurrent resolution passed by the regular session, submitting to the people a proposed constitutional amendment placing the university and normal schools under the jurisdiction of the state board of education.

# ACCUSE MEXICAN OF TRANSPORTING BOOZE

BISBEE, April 20.—A complaint was issued yesterday by U. S. Commissioner James Allison charging Julian Moreno with having in his possession and transporting one gallon of the celebrated Sonora mescal.

# MRS. MARSH IS DELEGATE

NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 19.—Mrs. Theodore Marsh, prominent Nogales club woman and former senator from Santa Cruz county, left today for the east to represent the state of Arizona at two conventions.

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